

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCIENCE AND RESEARCH PROGRAMME WITH EUROPEAN UNION

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether European Union has invited India to participate in a science and research programme ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether European Union has handed over any draft of said science and research programme to the Indian Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof. ?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a)&(b) : The European Union has launched its Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7 2007-2013) with a budget of Euros 53.2 Billion. India as an agreement country is one of the non-EU partner countries from where individual research entities can be identified, chosen and included as project partner by European scientists.

The New Delhi Communiqué issued after the deliberations in the India-EU Ministerial Science Conference held at Delhi on 7-8 February, 2007 underlines the potential benefits of joint or coordinated calls for proposals in strategically important research fields of mutual interest involving the co-investment of resources equally open to research communities in India and EU on a partnership model for balanced mutual benefits for both sides.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.